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TAGS: SOCI, PFOR, CI, US

SUBJECT: ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL

REF: SANTIAGO 5024

1. SUMMARY: EDUCATION MINISTER CASTRO ACKNOWLEDGES NEW POSITION REGARDING RETURN OF ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL, BUT INDICATES HE WILL NOT GIVE IT UP EASILY. END SUMMARY.
  2. I SAW EDUCATION MINISTER ADMIRAL CASTRO AT DINNER AUGUST 21 AND ENGAGED HIM IN CONVERSATION RE STATUS OF ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL PROBLEM.
  3. CASTRO GENERALLY CONFIRMED INFORMATION CONTAINED IN FATHER DONOSO'S LETTER (REFTEL). REITERATED THAT HE WANTED LIST OF TEACHERS HOLY CROSS ORDER WISHES TO INCLUDE ON SCHOOL STAFF. I ASKED HIM IF THIS WAS NORMAL PROCEDURE FOR PRIVATE SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS IN CHILE. HE SAID, BUT INDICATED THAT MINISTRY OF EDUCATION COULD ALWAYS OBTAIN REMOVAL OF ANY TEACHER IF IT DESIRED.
  4. CASTRO ALSO STATED HE WOULD RECOMMEND SCHOOL SUBMIT TO HIM A TEACHING PROGRAM INDICATING SCOPE OF INSTRUCTION IN VARIUS DISCIPLINES. THIS WAS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT FOR SUCH SUBJECTS AS PHILOSOPHY, IN WHICH TOO MUCH LATITUDE
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MIGHT BE UNWISE.

5. CASTRO ADDED THERE WOULD BE OTHER MATTERS TO BE ARRANGED BEFORE ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL PROBLEM COULD BE CONSIDERED SOLVED, BUT THESE WERE MATTERS OF DETAIL. HE DID NOT ELABORATE.

6. CASTRO SUGGESTED THAT IF FATHER DONOSO HAD ANY PROBLEMS, HE WAS FREE TO SEE PRESIDENT PINOCHET ABOUT THEM.

7. COMMENT: CASTRO'S ATTITUDE INDICATES THAT HE IS GOING TO DRIVE AS HARD A BARGAIN AS HE CAN BEFORE YIELDING, IF HE MUST, TO DIRECTIVE FROM PRESIDENT PINOCHET. THIS IS IN KEEPING WITH HIS HARD-NOSED POSITION ON ALL MATTERS WITHIN HIS KEN. I WOULD SUGGEST HOLY CROSS ORDER FOLLOW UP RAPIDLY, THROUGH GEN. PINOCHET IF NECESSARY, TO EXPLOIT OPPORTUNITY CREATED BY FATHER HESBURGH'S RECENT VISIT BY PRESSING ON WITH NEGOTIATIONS ON MODALITIES OF RETURN. DOUBT ANY MORE FAVORABLE CIRCUMSTANCES CAN BE ANTICIPATED IN NEAR FUTURE. POPPER

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